

ADrift AT SEA 13 DAYS, 4 ARE SAVED

U. S. CUTTER PICKS UP MORE SURVIVORS OF THE BURNED STEAMER COLUMBIAN.

ALL NEAR DEAD WHEN FOUND

Fifteen Men Left Steamer In Open Boat, 11 Dead of Exhaustion—Two Boats With 27 Were Picked Up 12 Days Ago.

Boston, Mass.—Four survivors of a boatload of 15 who escaped in the third boat of the freight steamer Columbian, burned at sea on May 3, were picked up by the United States revenue cutter Seneca 40 miles south of Sable Island, according to a dispatch received here from the cutter.

When their short allowance of biscuit and water had failed, they maintained life by chewing boot leather and a few stray crumbs of hard tack. Rain water was all they had to drink after the water cask went dry.

The first two days after drifting away from the flaming Columbia they saw three steamers too far away to be signaled.

Died of Hunger and Exposure. The dispatch from Capt. Johnston of the Seneca follows:

"Ten a. m., 40 miles south of Sable Island; rescued lifeboat with Officer Robert Teir, sailors Oscar Kendall, Peter Belanger, Fireman Michael Ludwigsen, survivors of 15. Officer George Hull died on the 10th; Peter Trel today. Others between. All died of exposure and hunger. Short allowance biscuit and water. Eating biscuit crumbs and boot leather when rescued. Saw three steamers first two days, none since. Much rain. Fine today. All under doctor doing well.—Johnston."

The death roll of the burned freighter now stands at 15.

27 of Crew Rescued. Twenty-seven other members of the crew were saved by the Cunard liner Franconia and the steamer Manhattan after two days of exposure.

Hope of the third missing boat had been abandoned after a dozen transatlantic liners searched for five days within a radius of the spot where the Columbian burst into flames. To so far men, it seemed impossible that a small boat could pass through the series of gales that has since swept those waters and the first news was received here almost with incredulity.

Vera Cruz Bridge Blown Up. Washington.—Brig. Gen. Funston reported from Vera Cruz that the Mexicans had dynamited and destroyed the San Francisco bridge on the line of the Intercoastal railway, 28 miles from Vera Cruz. This bridge was one of the most important on the line of the intercoastal, and its destruction greatly increases the difficulty of this route for an American advance to the City of Mexico.

Ford to Lay Off 6,000 Men. Detroit, Mich.—About 6,000 men will be laid off by the Ford Motor company within the next three weeks, according to an announcement made by James Couzens, treasurer of the company. His explanation of the action was that the annual slackening in the automobile business is at hand.

Launch Tips; Five Drown. Minneapolis, Minn.—Five members of a pleasure party consisting of nine persons, were drowned when the launch in which they were riding capsized in the Mississippi river here. The dead are: Mrs. Otto Justmann and her two children, and two children of John C. Buckholz.

Finds Buried Lincoln Ring. Evansville, Ind.—A ring bearing the inscription of "T. A. Lincoln" was found at Lincoln City, Ind., 35 miles east of here. The ring was found by a negro fisherman while he was digging bait near the site of the old home of Thomas A. Lincoln, the father of Abraham Lincoln.

Utah "Cattle Queen" Dies. Salt Lake City, Utah.—Mrs. Elizabeth Bonnemart, known throughout the west as the cattle queen of Utah, is dead at her home here. Mrs. Bonnemart came to Utah when 20 years old, and has made a fortune computed at \$2,000,000.

Car Hits Auto, Three Killed. Indianapolis, Ind.—Three members of one family were killed and four others injured near here when an Indiana Union Traction car struck an automobile. Thomas O. Stout, his son Claude and his son-in-law, J. C. Shafer, were killed.

Army Basket Ball Men Balk. Minneapolis, Minn.—Seven basketball players are doing their best to escape a possible call to war by defying the First Minnesota field artillery to court martial them for not reporting for drill.

Snipers at Vera Cruz Free. Washington.—Acting on instructions from President Wilson, Secretary Garrison secured the release of the five "snipers" who were taken from a Mexican merchantman and confined in jail by Admiral Fletcher.

Dies Trying to Save Mother. New York.—Harry Halstead, 25 years old, gave his life in a vain attempt to rescue his mother, a paralytic, from their burning apartment in Brooklyn. Fireman later found his charred body.

Peru Has New President. Lima, Peru.—The new congress was installed and elected as president of the republic, Gen. Oscar Benavides, who repelled the rebels in attacking the palace in February and taking prisoner President Bolognesi.

FIGHT FOR BIG ROAD FUND

SMITH OPPOSES REDUCTION OF APPROPRIATION.

Method of Distribution to States Under Shackleford Bill Is Changed—Cut Voted in Committee.

Washington, D. C.—Opposition to the action of its subcommittee in reducing the appropriation for the first years' work from \$25,000,000 to \$5,000,000, prevented final disposition of the Shackleford good roads bill in the senate committee on postoffices and post roads.

The bill calling for \$25,000,000 was passed by an overwhelming majority in the house. In the senate committee a subcommittee, consisting of Senators Swanson of Virginia, Bankhead of Alabama and Smith of Georgia, was directed to consider and revise the measure.

The subcommittee recommended a slightly altered plan of distributing the money, and allowed only one-fifth of the sum granted in the house. The house bill proposed to allow \$55,000 to each state and to divide the balance one-half in the ratio which the population of each state bears to the total population of the United States and one-half in the ratio which the total mileage of post roads of each state bears to the total mileage of the United States.

As now pending in the senate committee, a triple scheme of distribution is involved.

54 FACE TRIAL FOR KILLINGS

Four Colorado Indictments Are Returned for First Degree Murder and Others for Conspiracy.

Boulder, Colo.—Indictments charging first-degree murder were returned by the grand jury here against William T. Hickey, secretary of the State Federation of Labor; John O'Connor, president of the Louisville, Colo., local union of the United Mine Workers of America, and Jerry Carter and Joe Polestio, union leader.

Indictments charging conspiracy to murder were also returned against Edward L. Doyle, treasurer of District 15 United Mine Workers of America; John R. Lawson, international board member of the American Federation of Labor, and 48 others, including the four men named in the indictments, charging first degree murder.

INDICTED FOR CANAL FRAUDS

Former Manager of Commissary Department Accused of Conspiracy by New York Grand Jury.

New York.—John Burke, former manager of the commissary department of the Panama canal zone, was indicted by the federal grand jury here for conspiracy to defraud and for other alleged offenses.

He was dismissed some time ago. Indictments were also returned against three provision dealers at Colon, Panama. At the time of Burke's removal, it was alleged that he accepted gratuities from dealers in supplies. His case has been under investigation by the grand jury here for three months.

CANADA HAS A "NO TIP" BILL

Measures, Providing \$100 Fine, Makes Employer Liable, Likely to Pass the Senate.

Ottawa, Ontario.—The bill making tipping and the taking of tips an indictable offense has passed the senate committee of the whole. The bill at first excited much ridicule. Then suddenly a widespread demand for its passage resulted. It probably will pass the senate and be sent to the house committee for concurrence.

The bill makes it an offense punishable by a fine of \$100 to give or take a tip and makes the employer equally liable.

TREATY RATIFIED BY JAPAN

Secretary Bryan Had Been Advised Last June That Country Was Willing to Renew Agreement.

Tokyo.—The privy council ratified the arbitration treaty with the United States.

The treaty between the two governments expired on Aug. 24 last. As long ago as June last the Japanese ambassador in Washington advised Secretary of State Bryan of Japan's willingness to renew the understanding, but final action was delayed.

Man Kills Girl and Shoots Self. Cincinnati.—Orville Thompson of Middletown, O., shot and killed Miss Anna Schweinle by firing at her from an elevator. He then descended to the basement, where he shot and probably fatally wounded himself.

Japs Want Major's View. Jefferson City, Mo.—Gov. Major received a letter from N. Nasvka, a representative of the Japanese government, requesting that the governor write 3,000 words on "What Japanese Ought to Know About America."

Morgan Books to Be Sold. New York.—The Poulc collection of rare books on ornaments and architecture, purchased by the late J. Pierpont Morgan in 1910 for \$200,000, are to be sold at auction in Paris early in June.

Churchmen Can Get Liquor. Baltimore, Md.—During a hearing before the public service commission it developed that unless he is a druggist, the only way a resident of the "dry" eastern shore can obtain liquor is to become a church officer.

Bars Tango, Fails for \$30,000. Chicago.—Herman Webber, one of the oldest and best known restaurateurs in Chicago, failed for \$30,000 because he refused to obey the popular demand for cabaret and tango in his place of business.

FREDERICK W. LEHMANN



Frederick W. Lehmann, who with Justice Lamar will represent the United States in the Mexican conference, is an authority on international law and formerly was solicitor general of the United States.

TEN KILLED BY EXPLOSION

RUBBER COMPANY PLANT IN DETROIT IS WRECKED.

Ten Others Missing and Believed in Ruins of Fire Caused by Ignition of Auto Tire Compound.

Detroit, Mich.—An explosion believed to have been caused by the ignition of compounds used in the manufacture of automobile tires, claimed the lives of 10 men in the plant of the Mexican Rubber company in Delray, a Detroit suburb.

The big one-story concrete building of the company was reduced to ruins by the force of the explosion and police and firemen are searching the debris for the bodies of other employees believed to have perished. Besides the dead, 10 are known to be missing and some reports say that 30 were imprisoned in the wreckage.

Eight men were killed outright by the explosion and their bodies recovered. Three others, frightfully mangled, were removed from the ruins and taken to the Solway hospital, where two of them died within an hour. The third is said to be near death.

Fire spread in the wreckage and the work of rescue was seriously delayed because of this fact.

Officials of the company refused to make public any list of the men employed in the plant or the number at work at the time of the explosion.

So terrific was the explosion that scores of buildings in the neighborhood of the plant were rocked and windows for several miles around broken. Panic-stricken residents rushed from houses and stores and police reserves were sent to the district to quell a near-panic.

LENGTH OF LIFE INCREASING

Dr. Bailey Says Children Born in 1950 Will Have an Average Worldly Existence of 100 Years.

Chicago, Ill.—"Children born in 1950 will have an average length of life of 100 years," was the statement of Dr. E. S. Bailey of Chicago, written in the records of Illinois Homeopathic Medical association.

"Statistics prove that with the advance in knowledge and increased ability to fight disease, the average length of life is increasing. Fifty years ago the average length of human life was 35 years. Today the average is 50 years. On that basis it will be 100 years in 1950."

2 BRITISH AVIATORS KILLED

Machine Hits Ground Sharply and Overturns and Both Men Are Crushed Under Motor.

Northallerton, England.—Two British army aviators were killed near here in a collision flight by a squadron of military aeroplanes from Scotland to Salisbury Plain. The men killed were Lieut. J. Empson of the Royal Fusiliers and Sergt. Dudmore, acting as mechanic.

The accident occurred when the aviators were trying to land in a dense fog. The machine struck the ground sharply and overturned. The occupants were killed by the motor falling on them.

Mrs. T. J. Preston Returns. New York.—Mrs. Thomas J. Preston, formerly Mrs. Grover Cleveland, who has been living abroad for some time, arrived here. Mrs. Preston said that she had come for only a short stay in this country.

Oil Refinery Planned. Gainesville, Tex.—Local capitalists associated with men from Fort Worth and Wichita Falls have started a movement to build a \$500,000 oil refinery here, to handle oil from Texas and Oklahoma fields.

Paroled to Harvest His Wheat. Topeka, Kan.—That he may harvest a wheat crop he planted last fall, which his family is unable to do without his aid, W. F. Richards of Saline county, has been paroled from state prison for 60 days.

Socialist Labor Leader Dies. New York.—Daniel de Leon, the Socialist Labor candidate for governor of New York in 1902, active in the Nationalist movement and editor of the Daily People since 1900, is dead of heart disease in a hospital here.

CHARGES AGAINST MAJOR

COLORADO MILITIA OFFICER ACCUSED OF MURDER.

Arson and Larceny Accusations Against P. J. Hamrock Also Presented at Court Martial.

Denver, Colo.—Charges of arson, murder, manslaughter and larceny against Maj. Patrick J. Hamrock of the First regiment, Colorado national guard, were filed before a general court martial at the state rifle range at Golden.

The charges grew out of the fight between the state militia and the coal mine strikers at Ludlow, April 20, and the fire which destroyed the strikers' tent colony.

Trinidad, Colo.—Rebuilding of the Ludlow tent colony is going rapidly forward on a site just back of the old colony, which was destroyed by the fire and fire of April 20. In which more than a score of lives were lost. It is expected that within a few days the entire San Rafael Heights strikers' colony will be transferred to its former location commanding a view of several mines which recently were scenes of fights between strikers and mine guards and militia.

At 5 o'clock last evening the proclamation commanding enforced disarmament went into effect. No trouble is expected by United States soldiers, who set out to relieve "suspected" persons of any arms that may be found.

TRAIN HITS AUTO; THREE DIE

Machine Said to Have Run Into Wheels of Locomotive Running at High Speed in Illinois.

Kaufman, Ill.—John Stuckwisch, his wife and her brother, Oscar Meier, all of Marine, Ill., were killed here, when Stuckwisch's automobile, in which they were riding, collided with the locomotive of a westbound Clover Leaf passenger train.

Two witnesses declared the automobile ran into the locomotive. Two others said the automobile was upon the track and was struck by the pilot. All witnesses said they heard the train whistle as it approached the crossing, but that the motorists either did not hear it or did heed it.

Ehrmann and Evan Greene, 18, who were standing 40 feet away, said the pilot struck the automobile, while Hermann and Fireman Lynch said the automobile ran into the locomotive.

Conductor Hazelton declared the train whistled once for Kaufman Station and later whistled four times—two long and two short blasts—for the crossing.

CONFESES TO \$70,000 THEFT

Tennessee Official Tells His Part in Helping Former Mayor of Gallatin to Loot Bank.

Nashville, Tenn., May 16.—Silence reigned for more than two months by Herbert B. Jackson of the state department, indicted with Will D. Brown, former cashier of the First National Bank of Gallatin on a charge of robbing the bank of \$70,000, was broken in the hearing of the case before United States Commissioner Harry A. Luck, when Jackson confessed.

Jackson told of having had a prearranged meeting with Brown, who, at the time was mayor of Gallatin. He said he was told by Brown that something had to be done and agreed to hide a bag of money that contained about \$12,000.

WHEELER DECLINES TO SERVE

Prevented by Pressure of Business to Be Member of Federal Reserve Board, Chicagoan Says.

Washington, D. C.—It was announced at the White House that Harry A. Wheeler, Chicago banker, has declined appointment as a member of the federal reserve board. He wrote the president that pressure of private business would prevent him accepting.

This leaves two vacancies which the president is expected to fill so that the entire list may be sent to the senate not later than next Wednesday.

FAILS TO STOP GAME LAWS

Senate Leaves Appropriation in Bill, Despite Reed's Argument on Its Unconstitutionality.

Washington.—The federal migratory bird law was denounced as unconstitutional in the senate by Senator Reed of Missouri.

Despite arguments that the law is unconstitutional, the senate defeated all efforts to cut down the \$50,000 for the agricultural appropriation for its enforcement.

Three Murdered at Home. Ironton, Mo.—Three members of a well-to-do family, Mrs. Dennis Masie, 75 years old, her son Robert and daughter Mary, both past 45 years old, were murdered at Grassy Ridge, 25 miles from Ironton.

Prof. Burdick Resigns. Columbia, Mo.—Prof. Chas. K. Burdick of the law school at the University of Missouri, has resigned. He will go to Ithaca, N. Y., to accept a position in the law school of Cornell university.

Hospital Ship at New York. New York, N. Y.—The hospital ship Solace, carrying the men wounded when Vera Cruz was occupied, and the sick from the fleet now in Mexican waters, arrived at New York today.

Henderson for Governor. Birmingham, Ala.—Charles M. Henderson of Troy, Ala., president of the state railroad commission, was nominated for governor by approximately 8,000 majority over former Gov. B. B. Comer of Birmingham.

FROM ALL OVER THE STATE

Ex-Confederate Still Has War Pay.

Smithville.—John Will Hall of this town still has in his possession the last money that he received for his services as a soldier in the civil war. Which isn't so strange when it is learned that the money is in the form of a \$100 confederate bill, he having been in both the army and navy in that cause. He was with the fleet that ran the blockade of the Mississippi near New Orleans, and was captured at that time.

Blind Twins at 90 Claim Record. Maysville.—Mrs. Frances F. Harman of this city and Mrs. Margaret Dyke of Watson, Mo., are believed to be the oldest twin sisters living in the state. They were born in Green county, Tenn., March 27, 1825, which makes them almost 90 years old. Both are in good health, but both are blind.

Coyote Pups Sold for Pets. Lamar.—William Young found a litter of eight coyote pups at his home near Shady Glenn school house. The whelps, two or three weeks old, were found in an old stump. He sold several of them here for pets.

Walter Williams Home. Columbia.—Dean Walter Williams of the School of Journalism has returned from his trip around the world. He had been gone nearly a year. He traveled as holder of the Kaim Fellowship. He is the only man living west of the Mississippi River who has ever been awarded this fellowship. On his trip he studied the journalism of the countries he visited.

University to Teach Preachers. Columbia.—The University of Missouri will conduct a summer session June 11 to August 8. The course in rural problems for ministers will be continued this summer. Special courses are offered for ministers in agriculture, rural sociology, and rural economics.

Fayette Expects Free Delivery. Fayette.—The annual report of Postmaster W. C. Plains for the year ended March 31 shows that the receipts of the Fayette postoffice during the year were \$10,150, an increase of almost \$500 over last year. According to a ruling of the department a year ago, Fayette is now eligible for free city delivery, and Postmaster Plains believes that the service will be established soon.

Leaps From Train on Way to Pen. Rolla.—Bob Colvin, sentenced to five years in the penitentiary, escaped from Sheriff Johnson by jumping from a moving train. He has not been captured.

Couple Mark Golden Jubilee. Parkville.—Mr. and Mrs. James Browns, who were married in Canada 50 years ago, celebrated their golden wedding here.

Woman Teaches 52 Years. Springfield.—With a record of having been absent from her duties only 70 days and then owing to sickness or other good reasons, Mrs. Mary S. Boyd has just rounded out her fifty-second year as a teacher in Springfield, all but two of which have been spent teaching in the public schools here. She is believed to be the oldest woman in Missouri, both in years and point of service, who is still engaged in educational work in the school room. She is more than 75 years old.

72 Years On One Farm. Cameron.—James Williams, 80 years old, has passed more than seventy consecutive years on the same plot of ground. His father, on April 30, 1842, moved into a rude log cabin which stood on a part of the present site of Mr. Williams' residence, at Midway Place and he has resided there continuously since.

Marshall to Speak at Columbia. Columbia.—Vice-President Thomas R. Marshall has been booked for a lecture at the Columbia Chautauqua this summer.

Father Grows Fifth Set of Teeth. Recktor.—Thomas Jefferson Ward, 50 years old, and a resident of this county 47 years, has the strength and activity of a man of 50. On his farm near here 20 children were born in line house. Thirteen are living and but two are married. Mr. Ward cut five sets of teeth. A dentist pulled the fourth set about four months ago and since then Mr. Ward has grown a new set.

Another Job for Lehmann. Jefferson City.—The appointment of Frederick W. Lehmann of St. Louis as one of the representatives of the United States in the attempted mediation of the controversy with Mexico, prevented Gov. Major from using Lehmann on the commission which he proposed to appoint to revise the code of criminal and civil procedure.

Van Court Yantis Dies at 65. Joplin.—Van Court Yantis died unexpectedly at his home here. His death was attributed to apoplexy. Mr. Yantis was private secretary to Gov. John S. Marmaduke and held several public offices.

More Than He Needed. "At the end of five hours and a half, if you are in town," said the judge, "you will be arrested on the same charge." "You may have five hours of that back," said the lawbreaker. "I can get along with the 30 minutes."

Always a Handy Weapon. Dad used to say that a sense of humor was like a shillalah—and a light thing to have around handy, especially when the joke's on you.—"Dawn O'Hara."

For Borrowed Books. So many books were borrowed and never returned from the writer's home that she purchased a script stencil bearing her own name and a "please return." To date this plan has proven satisfactory in returning her books in due time.

NEGROES SUCCEED ON MISSOURI FARMS

TILLING OF THE SOIL OFFERS OPPORTUNITY UNSURPASSED BY OTHER CALLINGS.

AVERAGE FARM WELL STOCKED

Life Is Full of Comfort—All Have Bank Accounts and Take Vacations, Something Unknown to City Laborers.

Jefferson City.—Farming offers an inducement to Missouri negroes unsurpassed by any other calling and solves the problem of their future by giving them opportunities and advantages which no other vocation holds out. Statistical facts which are given in Missouri are making a huge success of it, are prosperous, contented and entirely satisfied with the life.

The negro population of Missouri is 157,452 men, women and children, with 43,560 living in St. Louis, 23,560 in Kansas City, 4,249 in St. Joseph, 1,955 in Springfield, 301 in Joplin, 1,871 in Sedalia, 1,846 in Hannibal and the others scattered over the state, including the few that now own farms and others engaged in husbandry.

Out of the 280,000 farms in Missouri, a little less than 3,753 are owned by negroes. They range in size from three to 250 acres and are worth, land, buildings, live stock and everything else on them, \$27,688,750.

The farm of the average Missouri negro farmer, just like that of his white brother, the bureau of labor statistics bulletin says, is well kept and well stocked and is very productive. The life of the negro farmer is full of comforts and joys. Nearly every negro farmer of Missouri has a bank account and his profits allow him to take a vacation once a year.

Among the Missouri counties in which prosperous negro farmers are found and the number of such is as follows: Audrain, 43; Boone, 158; Butler, 48; Callaway, 278; Cape Girardeau, 71; Carroll, 42; Cherokee, 135; Clay, 23; Clinton, 30; Cooper, 38; Franklin, 83; Greene, 69; Henry, 38; Howard, 118; Lafayette, 52; Lincoln, 130; Macon, 27; Marion, 52; Mississippi, 136; Miller, 22; Monroe, 91; Montgomery, 86; New Madrid, 203; Newton, 43; Pemiscot, 82; Perry, 20; Pettis, 77; Pike, 206; Platte, 21; Rails, 37; Randolph, 104; Ray, 30; St. Charles, 61; St. Louis, 83; Ste. Genevieve, 23; Saline, 151; Shelby, 37; Warren, 32; Washington, 36; Wright, 48.

In Prison, Hides It

Jefferson City.—How R. Erson Mead of Oregon county kept the secret of his imprisonment from his wife and little children is told in the parole papers in his case when he was released. Mead was a traveling photographer, and while in Salem was accused and convicted of removing a check for \$50 from a letter mailed by another. He denied the charge, but was sent to the penitentiary to serve two years. He resolved to keep the news of his imprisonment from his wife, and succeeded. He rented a box at the Jefferson City postoffice, but never wrote to his wife during the nine months he was in prison. His letters were to a sister, who thought he was employed in Jefferson City. Through these letters he kept posted about the welfare of his wife and children. His sister never suspected him of being in the penitentiary.

Road Boosters Organize. Jefferson City.—The Missouri Better Roads federation was organized here to conduct a campaign for the adoption of the proposed amendment for the levying of 10 cents on the \$100 valuation for the benefit of the public roads. The amendment, if adopted, would yield approximately \$2,000,000 annually.

To Test Primary Law. Jefferson City.—Edgar C. Ellis of Kansas City, through his attorney, L. A. Laughlin, filed in supreme court a mandamus proceeding to test the constitutionality of the section of the state primary law which provides that no person shall file for more than one party nomination.

Missouri Drummers to Meet. Moberly.—The Missouri Drummers' association will be in session here May 14, 15 and 16. A mardi gras parade will be held at 4 p. m. of the opening day. The white suit and children's parades will be Friday afternoon.

His Protest. A little boy came running in from the garden, where he had been stung by a bee. "Mamma," he sobbed, "I think the bees acted real mean; I'd just as soon they'd walk on me, but I don't like to have 'em sit down."

Her Two Steady Jobs. When a woman really loves a man she takes equally great delight in making him comfortable when she thinks he is miserable and miserable when she finds him comfortable.—"Indiana Star."

Boldness and Faith. Boldness and faith go together; fear and unbelief go together. If you will not believe, surely you shall not be established. It is always want of faith that is at the bottom of all fear. Why are you fearful?—F. R. Averall.

Love's Power Limited. Men think women's love to be lasting without any effort on their part to retain it. But a woman's love cannot live any longer on a starvation diet than that of a man.—Manchester Union.

Use Moderation. Few people do business well who do nothing else.—Chesterfield.

Ste. Genevieve Stone Is Barred.

Jefferson City.—When Contract K. F. Gill's Ste. Genevieve stone, which was shipped from there last Thursday to Jefferson City, reached here, the state capitol commission or Contractor E. M. Plump gave orders not to unload it on the capitol site. The stone arrived here Friday.

The commission was in session and ordered Contractor Gill to begin the setting of the stone as time was fleeting. Gill's plan apparently is to mandamus the commission in the supreme court to compel it to use the Ste. Genevieve limestone and thus settle the controversy.

Gill will meet the architects, Tracy and Swartout, in New York soon, and discuss a settlement of the stone proposition by arbitration. The commission agreed to this, but specified that none but the best limestone in the state would be approved. Litigation might be prevented by the arbitration plan, but officials here are not very sanguine.

No Delay in M., K. & T. Ry. Suit.

Jefferson City.—Attorney General John T. Barker said that the proceedings filed in the federal court here by Joseph W. Jamison, general counsel for the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad company, asking a transfer of the overcharge suit for \$2,000,000 against that company from a state to a United States court, will not delay prosecution of the suit in the Boone county circuit court.